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From the number of gold bricks that George D. Gear unloaded on the San Francisco interviewers it looks as if metropolitan journalism had made heavy drafts on the backwoods press.

Royalist papers which announced the color line now try to take their statements back and lay them to the Advertiser. The game will not work. The most that can come of it is to convince the public that our exposure of the plot has seriously disturbed the plotters.

Part of the latest dispatch from Havana reveals Cuban character in conflict with American so typically that it is worth reading carefully:

Acting Mayor Estrada Mora visited General Wood to inform him that in consequence of the recent action of the Havana municipality and of General Ludlow in breaking down the monopoly in the use of the slaughterhouse, held in trust for the cattle dealers, the latter had threatened not to supply any more meat, asserting they had a monopoly of cattle and could entirely cut off the meat supply of Havana.

General Wood told Senor Mora to take thirty policemen and to occupy the slaughterhouse, keeping it open to all who wished to kill cattle there, and inform all members of the cattle trust that if they refused to supply cattle they would not be allowed in future to kill at the slaughterhouse.

These instructions were carried into effect and there was no trouble. Only one man—a member of the cattle trust—refused to kill, and he was informed that he would not be allowed to use the slaughterhouse again.

This sort of thing crops up continually. Relying on some tradition which has grown to be considered a right because no one has had the courage to fight it, some man or group of men periodically refuses compliance with an innovation looking to a more efficient, or a more modern, or a cleaner business method. The American in authority proceeds to carry out the innovation just the same, and he does it in so striking a manner that absolutely no doubt is left in the minds of his late opponents as to what is going to be done in future. The above instance is a perfect type of hundreds of others—including the helplessness of the Cuban Mayor. The Cubans are slowly learning the lesson of going ahead and doing things that need to be done, instead of considering difficulties, objections, and precedents.

HORRORS OF THE FAMINE.

Girls Sold by Starving Parents for Thirty Cents Apiece.

BOSTON, April 16.—The Rev. Rockwell Clancy, a missionary at Allahabad, who is visiting his brother in Medford, said last night: "The condition of famine-stricken India today is something perfectly awful to contemplate. I cannot tell anything about the number dying, but when I left Bombay last February there were some 60,000,000 people suffering, and over 30,000,000 were in dire distress, and of these but 5,000,000 were receiving Government aid."

"It is not the cities, but the country places, which are stricken, and when you know that 80 per cent of the population of India is made up of tillers of the soil, you may be able to grasp in some slight manner the extent of the suffering."

"When the famine set in the people began to sell everything they had that might get a little grain food. They took the doors from their houses and sold them; sold their furniture and farming utensils, and then, when they had no longer anything to sell, they sold their children. The boys don't sell well, and the traffic is largely in girls."

"I saw girls in one town just before I came away being sold for 30 cents apiece. They were bought up by Mohammedans. But they won't buy the boys, so when the parents can no longer support their children, they abandon them, and henceforth they must get on as best they can. These cast-offs congregate about the doors of the grain merchants' shops, and the only way the proprietors can get rid of them is to throw out handfuls of grain, scattering it wide. The children pick and pick all day, and at night perhaps are rewarded by having collected a single handful."

PRESBYTERIAN CREED.

Dr. Parkhurst Says a New One is Badly Needed.

NEW YORK, April 15.—Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst, speaking in his pulpit in Madison Square Presbyterian Church today, made a vigorous assault on the Westminster confession of faith. He said: "We ought to have a new confession of faith. It is surprising that the Presbyterian church is able to do as much as it is doing with such an incubus strapped upon us as we are tottering under in our present confession. In the first place the thing needed is not a system of theology, for that is what our present confession is, but a simple, brief Saxon statement of a half dozen of the vital ingredients of Jesus Christ's message to the world. I could get along with a confession of faith containing but the little that Jesus said when he was trying to make a Christian of Nicodemus: 'God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.' That gives to us the doctrine of God's unlimited love, human guilt, the divinity of Christ, salvation through Christ, faith in Christ, immortality; every word Saxon, three-quarters of the words monosyllables profound enough for any elder, simple enough for any four-year-old."

"At any rate we want a new creed. Amending this one will not meet the necessities of the case. Better give it a dignified place in the museum for what it is, than hack it to pieces and revamp it for what it is not."

POLICE SEEKING KENNETH DUNCAN

He Was Once Connected With a School in Honolulu—A Brilliant Preacher.

Kenneth Duncan, who is known in Honolulu, having been connected with one of the schools here, is being sought for by the San Francisco police on a charge of petty larceny.

The San Francisco Call of the 9th instant has the following to say in the matter:

The police are searching the city for J. Kenneth Duncan, who was forced through his drunken habits to tender his resignation of the pupil in the Howard Presbyterian Church in 1893. Duncan is now wanted for stealing a valuable overcoat and pair of shoes from 944 Van Ness avenue, where he had been for the past six or seven weeks employed as a waiter under the name of Charles Russell. About two weeks ago he was recognized by a sister of the landlady, who knew him in Oakland, and he begged her not to expose him, as he was again trying to be good. Saturday night he got his wages and yesterday he was observed prowling about the rooms. About 2 o'clock in the afternoon he entered the room of a dental student, and stole an overcoat and a pair of patent leather shoes, leaving his old ones as a memento of his visit.

The landlady notified the police and a detective was sent to the house. Duncan was a brilliant preacher, but drink ruined him. After his enforced retirement from the Presbyterian church he was sent to Honolulu in the hope that a change of scene might wean him from drink. He there secured the position of instructor and chaplain in a reformatory institution for boys and was doing well, but the islands did not suit him, and he returned here in October, 1895.

WILL URGE A HOME.

Matter of Young Women's Christian Association to be Taken up.

The letter of "A Working-woman" published in yesterday's Advertiser has met with a response in the hearts and minds of many of the leading women of Honolulu. The correspondent urged the need and timeliness of erecting or renting a building adapted as a living house for women without relatives here and who desire the protection of a Christian home, citing as examples of her idea the homes conducted by the Young Women's Christian Association in Mainland cities.

"This matter has been considered by many already and among those who are willing and anxious to be of service in the matter are Mrs. W. F. Frear, Mrs. H. C. Brown, Miss Hyde, Mrs. F. W. Damon, Miss Yarrow and Mrs. H. E. Coleman. In order to discuss the needs and how they may be met the above have expressed the hope that all women interested in this work for young women will meet them at 'Woodlawn,' corner of Beretania and Punahou streets, next Monday evening at 7:45 o'clock."

DE ARCOS INSULTED.

Unfortunate Action of the Mayor of Chicago Brings Rebuke.

CHICAGO, April 15.—Mayor Harrison today received from Duke de Arcos, the Spanish Minister at Washington, the following reply to an invitation to attend the Dewey celebration in Chicago: "WASHINGTON, April 14.—Sir: I return to you here inclosed an invitation from the city of Chicago for the celebration of the second anniversary of the battle of Manila, which I take for granted has been sent to me by mistake, as it is the first discourtesy I have met with since I am in the United States."

"It is impossible for me to believe that you have advisedly asked me, the representative of Spain, to go to your city and rejoice with you on the destruction of the Spanish ships and on the death of so many brave sailors—my compatriots. That would have been simply an insult, and as I do not deserve it and it cannot have been my intention, I am perfectly sure, as I say, that all this is the result of an error."

In reply Mayor Harrison has written the Minister, explaining that the invitation was sent through the carelessness or ignorance of a clerk and extending sincere apologies for the unintentional discourtesy.

STRANGE CANNIBAL TRIBES.

Sensational Discoveries in the World of the Soudan.

NEW YORK, April 15.—A cable to the Sun from London says: The Hostings-D'Olonne mission, which has just arrived in the Southern French Soudan from the Ivory coast, had some very trying experiences. Leaving the sources of the Cavally river on November 25th, the mission entered an unknown country where strange people were encountered. Their language differed from anything known and the natives were dressed in blouses and trousers, woven by themselves. The villages were well built, surrounded by banana plantations and connected with each other by good roads, while excellent fishing stations existed on the river and everything presented the appearance of a remarkable state of civilization.

CAUGHT A DREADFUL COLD.

Marion Kooke, manager for T. M. Thompson, a large importer of fine millinery at 1658 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, says: "During the late severe weather I caught a dreadful cold which kept me awake at night and made me unfit to attend my work during the day. One of my milliners was taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a severe cold at that time, which seemed to relieve her so quickly that I bought some myself. It acted like magic and I began to improve at once. I am now entirely well and feel very pleased to acknowledge its merits." For sale by Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., wholesale agents.

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